

MINUTES AND REPORT

OF

MEETING OF COUNCIL

THE COOPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

held at 225 Swanston Street, Melbourne on Tuesday, 28th October 1980 commencing at 5 p.m.

1. PRESENT

Mr. M. Rundle	Chairman
Mr. J. N. Black	
Mr. E. J. Long	
Mr. B. H. Macintosh	
Mr. O. J. Slattery	
Mr. W. W. Rawlinson	Executive Officer

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Messrs. A. Dash, P. Foster and J. Rigby.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 15th September 1980, having been circulated were adopted and confirmed as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.i Minute 4.i Guide Book for Small Businesses and Cooperatives

After checking by Messrs. Long and Rawlinson the draft guide book was submitted to the V.E.C. October meeting by the author Mr. D. Griffiths and accepted for printing. A copy of the draft was tabled for information of Council.

3.ii Minute 4.ii Submission to Premier on Registry Operations

Mr. Macintosh reported his Cooperative had used the copy letter circulated to member Cooperatives as a basis for communication on the subject with their local State Parliamentary representatives.

3.iii Minute 4.iii - Federal Election Programme

One major member Cooperative reported using the content of the letter as a basis for a letter of congratulations from that Cooperative to newly elected or re-elected Federal members of Parliament in areas covered by the Cooperative operations.

3.iv Minute 5.viii - Management Education Enquiry

Copy of the submission made by the Cooperative Federation of Australia was tabled.

3.v Minute 12.iii - Cooperative Fleet Vehicle Purchases

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*The C.F.A. Fleet Vehicle Liaison Officer be invited to visit Victoria as part of a national tour to enter into direct and decision making discussions with the Cooperatives concerned. The costs of such visit within Victoria to be a charge to the Cooperative Federation of Victoria.*

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with Rule 33 of the Federation's Constitution the following office bearers were elected:

Chairman	-	Mr. J. N. Black
Vice-Chairman	-	Mr. O. J. Slattery
Secretary	-	Mr. W. W. Rawlinson
Treasurer	-	Mr. J. F. Rigby

Representatives to Council, Cooperative Federation of Australia:

Mr. B. H. Macintosh

Mr. J. N. Black (alternate Mr. O. J. Slattery)

Mr. Black took the chair.

Council recorded its appreciation to Mr. Rundle for his personal contribution to further the interests of Cooperatives in Victoria and for his unstinted service to the Federation as a Councillor from its inception ten years ago and as Chairman for the past four years.

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CORRESPONDENCE

5.i From Security Cooperative Permanent Building Society

forwarding lease on office premises for signature.

ii From Numurkah East Goulburn Herd Improvement Cooperative

advising timing of annual conference inappropriate for rural representatives.

iii From C.F.A. re International Seminar for Fishery Cooperatives to be circulated to all Victorian Fishery Cooperatives.

iv From V.C.C.A. - October Newsheet.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A statement of income and expenditure for period 1.7.80 to 30.9.80 and estimated Balance Sheet as at 30.9.80 were presented to the meeting discussed and received.

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7. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Brunswick Work Cooperative Limited

The application was supported by the Cooperative's Rules and relevant affiliation dues to 30th June 1981 and conformed to the requirements of membership of the Federation.

Council welcomed the applicant into full membership of the Federation.

8. ANNUAL CONGRESS 1980

Council considered the situation leading to cancellation of the 1980 Victorian Cooperative State Conference with which was to be incorporated the Annual General Meeting of the Federation.

As the requirements of Minute 8 of the September 1980 meeting of Council could not be met by the closing date for receipt of nominations the action of the sub-committee in cancelling the arrangements for the Conference and re-locating the venue for the Annual General Meeting was endorsed.

Considering plans to avoid a repetition in 1981, Council agreed:

- (i) 1981 Conference to be held in late August.
- (ii) Consider proposed programme at March 1981 meeting of Council.
- (iii) Ensure high standard speakers of common appeal to diverse industry membership of the Federation is engaged.
- (iv) Subsidise attendance by Work Cooperatives membership.
- (v) Ensure constitutional procedure for nomination of Councillors is followed respecting notice dates and closing dates.
- (vi) Ensure good standard of promotion is maintained from the outset of publicity programme.

9. LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Council considered the recommendations and agreed:

- (1) A submission be made forthwith to the Registrar for definition of a Cooperative to be included in the new Act as follows:

By insertion of a new Section 4(1)(A) to read

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A Cooperative Society for the purposes of this Act

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11. REPORTS

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is one that subscribes to the principles of  
Open Membership  
Democratic Control  
Limited Interest on Share Capital  
Equitable Distribution of Surplus

For purposes of registration under this Act those principles are enacted at Sections 30(2), 71(3), 38(5) and 38(1) to (8) inclusive.

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Renumber existing subsection 4(1) to read 4(1)B.

Amend existing Section 4(2) to read

4(2)

A society so formed shall be deemed to be a Cooperative Society in accordance with Section 4(1)(A) and to have all the privileges, powers, rights and duties by law conferred or imposed on Cooperative Societies.

(b)

(2) The Minister having agreed to Registry consultation with industry representatives on the content of the new Act before its introduction into Parliament,

a meeting to be arranged as soon as the draft Bill is available between Registry officials and representative Cooperative officials who have shown interest in the new legislation.

(3) In accordance with Minute 13(1) of the September Council meeting

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to authorise the Executive Officer to negotiate for group membership of like Cooperatives - e.g. Herd Improvement Cooperatives where such group membership would result in an affiliation fee of between 50% and 75% of the total dues of the individual members of such group.

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It was further agreed

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that the Council membership and rates of subscription forms in the Federation's promotional brochures be updated and amended to define "Associations of Cooperatives" as "Cooperative Associations as defined in Section 22 of the Cooperation Act 1958".

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10. TRADING COOPERATIVES

In accordance with Minutes 8 of the August 1980 meeting of Council it was agreed

to convene a meeting of Managers and/or Secretaries of Trading Cooperatives on Tuesday, 18th November 1980 at a suburban venue with listed topics being introduced by participants for informal discussion.

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11.i Advisory Council

Mr. Long reported attending the October meeting of the Cooperative Advisory Council whose business had been concerned with progress on the new Cooperation Act and guarantees to Cooperatives including authorising new guarantees and action on two possible defaulting Cooperatives.

11.ii Executive Officer

- (a) Mr. Rawlinson reported a formal submission had been made to the Victorian Employment Committee for a grant of \$25,000 to be made to the Federation to enable the services of an administrative co-ordinator for Work Cooperatives to be obtained. The application has been supported by the informal group of existing and potential Work Cooperatives.
- (b) Following the inclusion of Work Cooperatives as an approved industry from which a Councillor may be nominated under Rule 22(c), Mr. Rawlinson recommended an invitation be issued to the Work Cooperatives Group to nominate a representative for membership of the Federation Council.

Council agreed:

*The Executive Officer be empowered to invite the Work Cooperative Group to nominate a representative to join the Council.*

- (c) Mr. Rawlinson reported on recent visits to eleven Cooperatives.
- (d) He reported on his attendance at the Food Convention organised by Composite Buyers and a follow-up lunch for senior officials of major agricultural Cooperatives with the Vice President, Land o'Lakes Cooperative, U.S.A. one of the main speakers at the Convention.
- (e) He reported on discussions held at Box Hill Technical College on possible development of a students, Cooperative to market some of the products of their studies.
- (f) He reported on discussions held with Rental Housing Association officials on the views of the Minister for Housing expressed in his Green Paper on Housing in which he favoured Cooperative Housing schemes to meet the needs of low cost housing as an alternative to State Housing Commission operations.

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11.iii Cooperative Federation of Australia

The Cooperative Federation of Western Australia has agreed to contribute its full subscription to 30th June 1981.

The next meeting of Council is scheduled to be held in Melbourne on 27th November 1980.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Council agreed

to defer the date of its annual social function from December to late February/early March 1981.

13. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed

the next meeting of Council will be held on 1st December 1980 in the Federation's office.

14. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.15 p.m.

*John Shuckling 80.*

held at 225 Swanston S.

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1. PRESENT

Apologies for Absence

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

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